

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the second paragraph on page 8, located at lines 28 to 33, as follows:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Figure 1 shows an exemplary embodiment of the present invention.

Figure 2 shows an exemplary embodiment of the present invention.--

Please add the following paragraph before the start of the third paragraph beginning at page 5, line 17, and after the section heading "Detailed Description:"

-- Figure 1 shows an exemplary embodiment of the present invention involving a method for clearing a customer-specific entitlement in a conditional access system to receive a chargeable service from a service provider by using a security module on which is stored at least one of a security algorithm and the customer-specific entitlement as at least one of a software program and data. The method may include specifically assigning an EMM clearing signal to the security module to provide a specifically assigned EMM clearing signal 100; and controlling a right-of-access by a customer through a service center, in response to a request from the service provider to the service center, using the specifically assigned EMM clearing signal 110. The method may be effected by performing 120 one of: (i) an indirect clearing operation that includes the steps of: (a) sending the specifically assigned EMM clearing signal from the service center to the service provider via at least one of a telephone system and a data communication system; (b) feeding the specifically assigned EMM clearing signal for the chargeable service into a control unit of the service provider; and (c) activating the security module via the control unit by using the specifically assigned EMM clearing signal; and (ii) a direct clearing operation by sending the specifically assigned EMM clearing signal from the service center, with an assistance of a data transmission service in a digital broadcasting service, to the security module to clear the customer.

Fig. 2 shows an exemplary embodiment of the present invention involving an arrangement or system for clearing customer-specific entitlement in a conditional access system. In this embodiment, a security module 200 contains security information 202. The security information may be a security algorithm and/or a customer-specific entitlement. Such information may be stored as a software program and/or data. An EMM clearing signal 210 may be sent to the security module 200 so that the security module 200 may provide a specifically assigned EMM clearing signal. A service provider 220 may make a request to

the service center 230 so that a right-of-access by a customer is allowed or not allowed. For example, the specifically assigned EMM clearing signal may be used by performing one of a) an indirect clearing operation, or b) a direct clearing operation. For example, the indirect clearing operation may include sending the specifically assigned EMM clearing signal from the service center 230 to the service provider 220 via a telephone system, a data communication system, etc. The indirect clearing operation also may include feeding the specifically assigned EMM clearing signal for the chargeable service into a control unit of the service provider 220. And, the operation may include activating the security module 200 via the control unit using the specifically assigned EMM clearing signal. For example, a direct clearing operation may include sending the specifically assigned EMM clearing signal from the service center 230 with the assistance of a transmission service in a digital broadcasting service to the security module 200 to clear the customer and allow access.--